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To: Commissioners' Court

From: Misty Brown

Cc: Bill Bilyeu

Clarence Daugherty

Date: January 27, 2015

Re: Collin County Animal Services - No-Cost Spay Neuter Grant

We respectfully request Commissioners' Court consideration of a grant application requesting \$19,950 for a No-Cost Spay/Neuter Grant that would benefit the citizens of the unincorporated county. If awarded, DSHS grant funds will be used to schedule a free spay and neuter clinic each month for owned (not CCAS-adopted) cats and dogs targeting rural Collin County residents. This grant funding will allow approximately 150 cats and 200 dogs to be spayed or neutered.

Spay/Neuter is a proven method for reducing the intake of animals into animal shelters. In many instances, however, low-cost spay/neuter options are still cost prohibitive for lower income families. Collin County currently hosts three (3) low-cost clinics per month. If we receive this grant, we would add a fourth (4th) clinic each month to accommodate the no-cost surgeries.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.